

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating compressor comprising:  
a case having a gas suction pipe and a gas discharge pipe;  
a frame unit positioned in the case; and  
a compression unit comprising a cylinder positioned at the frame unit and  
having a plurality of slots formed in a longitudinal direction on an outer circumferential  
surface, a piston coupled with a reciprocating motor so as to linearly and reciprocally  
move into the cylinder and having a plurality of through holes formed at an outer side,  
said through holes communicating with the slots, and a compression unit having a gas  
muffler member positioned at an outer circumferential surface of the cylinder, as an  
additional member.

wherein a gas suction passage is provided inside the piston, and the gas suction  
passage communicates with the slots and the through holes.

2. (Original) The compressor of claim 1, wherein the through holes are  
configured to remain within a range of the slots while the piston linearly and  
reciprocally moves.

3. (Original) The compressor of claim 1, wherein the direction of gas flowing through the slots and the through holes is transverse to the direction of the piston movement.

4. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 1, wherein an echo space is formed inside the gas muffler member configured to absorb suction noise and vibration generated during an operation of the compressor.

5. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 1, wherein the gas introduced into the gas muffler member through the gas suction pipe is introduced into the suction passage of the piston after passing through the slots and the through holes.

6. (Original) The compressor of claim 1, wherein a plurality of spring receiving grooves are formed at an outer side of the gas muffler member.

7. (Original) The compressor of claim 1, wherein the gas muffler member includes an inner housing and an outer housing coupled to the inner housing.

8. (Original) The compressor of claim 1, wherein the gas muffler member communicates with the slots at one side thereof.

9. (Original) The compressor of claim 8, wherein the gas muffler member communicates with the gas suction pipe.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating compressor comprising:  
a case having a gas suction pipe and a gas discharge pipe;  
a frame unit positioned in the case;  
a compression unit comprising a cylinder positioned at the frame unit and having a plurality of slots formed in a longitudinal direction on an outer circumferential surface, and a piston coupled with a reciprocating motor so as to linearly and reciprocally move into the cylinder and having a plurality of through holes formed at an outer side, said through holes communicating with the slots; and  
a gas muffler member positioned at an outer circumferential surface of the cylinder and configured to be directly connected with the gas suction pipe, as an additional member.

wherein a gas suction passage is provided inside the piston, and the gas suction passage communicates with the slots and the through holes.

12. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein the through holes are configured to remain within a range of the slots while the piston linearly and

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reciprocally moves.

13. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein the direction of gas flowing through the slots and the through holes is transverse to the direction of the piston movement.

14. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein an echo space is formed inside the gas muffler member configured to absorb suction noise and vibration generated during an operation of the compressor.

15. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein the gas introduced into the gas muffler member through the gas suction pipe is introduced into the suction passage of the piston after passing through the slots and the through holes.

16. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein a plurality of spring receiving grooves are formed at an outer side of the gas muffler member.

17. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein the gas muffler member includes an inner housing and an outer housing coupled to the inner housing.

18. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 11, wherein the gas muffler

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member communicates with the slots at one side thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) The compressor of claim 18, wherein the gas muffler member communicates with the gas suction pipe.

20. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating compressor comprising:  
a case having a gas suction pipe and a gas discharge pipe;  
a frame unit positioned in the case; and  
a compression unit comprising a cylinder positioned at the frame unit and having a plurality of slots formed in a longitudinal direction on an outer circumferential surface, and a piston coupled with a reciprocating motor so as to linearly and reciprocally move within the cylinder and having a plurality of through holes formed at an outer side, the through holes communicating with the slots,

wherein the gas suction pipe is provided near the through holes and configured to introduce suction gas without passing the way of the reciprocating motor, as an additional member.

wherein a gas suction passage is provided inside the piston, and the gas suction passage communicates with the slots and the through holes.